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DEFENDANT INDICTED FOR POSSESSION WITH INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE CRACK COCAINE

Jacob Clarence Perryman of Camden, Alabama was indicted today by a Federal Grand Jury for four counts of Possession with Intent to Distribute Crack Cocaine. The indictment alleges that Perryman possessed the crack cocaine on four separate dates – March 7, 2007, March 30, 2007, October 9, 2007 and October 15, 2007. Possession with Intent to Distribute Possess Crack Cocaine is a violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1). Under the circumstances alleged in the indictment, each charge carries a minimum penalty of 5 years in custody and a maximum penalty of 40 years in custody.

The United States Attorney for the Southern District of Alabama, Deborah J. Rhodes, said, "The distribution of crack cocaine is a blight on any community where it occurs. We will continue to work with our state and local partners to aggressively prosecute these cases throughout the Southern District of Alabama."

Agents from the Drug Enforcement Administration conducted the investigation with assistance from agents of the Drug Task Force of the 4th Judicial Circuit of Alabama. They presented the case for prosecution to the United States Attorney's Office. Assistant United States Attorney Daryl Atchison is handling the prosecution of the case on behalf of the United States.

An indictment is a determination by a grand jury that there is probable cause to believe that offenses have been committed by a defendant. A defendant, of course, is presumed innocent until and unless he or she is proven guilty at trial.